

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 00071 090010Z

64

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 EB-07 AGR-05 STR-04 OMB-01

TRSE-00 OFA-01 DLOS-04 SAL-01 COME-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 AID-05 IO-11 OES-03 FEA-01 /108 W

----- 025525

R 082154Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8459

INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE OTTAWA 0071

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, CA, VE, CU, MX

SUBJ: PM TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO CUBA, MEXICA AND VENEZUELA

REF: OTTAWA 3581

1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH EXTAFF CUBAN AFFAIRS OFFICER, EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR CANADIAN-CUBAN DISCUSSIONS AT TIME OF CANADIAN PM PIERRE TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO CUBA (JANUARY 26-29). EXTAFF OFFICIAL SAID THERE WAS NO FIXED AGENDA, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD DISCUSSED WITH CUBAN EMBASSY GENERAL TOPICS WHICH MIGHT COME UP. MOST OF THESE ARE OBVIOUS: CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN CUBA'S FIVE YEAR PLAN, CUBAN TRADE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RUM, SUGAR AND TOBACCO IN CANADA, LAW OF THE SEAS ISSUES, APPLICATION OF US TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT AND US EXPORT REGULATIONS, AND SIMILAR TOPICS. EXTAFF OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT CUBA MAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES NOT BEING PERMITTED TO IMPORT CUBAN GOODS; HE MENTIONED THAT CUBA HAS NEVER RAISED THIS PROBLEM AND SURMISED THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE CUBA PREVIOUSLY WAS NOT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 00071 090010Z

AWARE OF IT. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED

IF CBUA DID RAISE IT THIS TIME.

2. WHEN ASKED IF ANY "POLITICAL" TOPICS, SUCH AS OAS CHARTER REFORM MIGHT COME UP, OFFICIAL SAID THAT CUBA ALWAYS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CANADA WAS INFINITELY WISE FOR NOT JOINING OAS AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO REITERATE THAT VIEW. BUT OTHERWISE, OAS NOT EXPECTED TO BE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. (AMEMBASSY REPORTING RELATED CONVERSATIONS RE CANADA-CUBA-ANGOLA IN SEPTTEL).

3. IN SUM, ACCORDING TO EXTAFF OFFICIAL, CANADA HOLDS VIEW THAT CUBA NEEDS CANADA TO GIVE IT LEGITIMACY, PARTICULARLY IN CARIBBEAN, TO SHOW THAT IT IS NOT TOTALLY RELIANT ON USSR (AND TO HELP IT DIVERSIFY AWAY FROM COMECON), AND TO SHOW THAT DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS CAN WORK TOGETHER PROFITABLY AND WITHOUT RANCOR.

4. OAS CHARTER REFORM OBVIOUSLY EXPECTED TO COME UP DURING MEXICO PART OF JOURNEY (JAN 23-26) AND IN CARACAS (JAN 29-FEB 2). IN FIRST INSTANCE, MEXICANS ARE EXPECTED TO PRESS CANADA ON OAS, AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE. IN CARACAS ENERGY AND TRADE OBVIOUSLY EXPECTED TO DOMINATE. PM WILL ADDRESS MEETING OF CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR LATIN AMERICA (CALA) WHICH FORTUITIOUSLY WILL BE MEETING IN CARACAS AT TIME OF PM VISIT.

5. IN GENERAL, ACCORDING TO EXTAFF OFFICIAL, ENTIRE TRIP IS LESS DESIGNED TO FURTHER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES, SIGN AGREEMENTS OR CONCLUDE OTHER BILATERAL BUSINESS; RATHER, TRIP IS OPPORTUNITY FOR PM TO SHOW CANADIAN INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA, TO ESTABLISH OR STRENGTHEN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF COUNTRIES VISITED, AND JUST POSSIBLY TO THAW A FEW CANADIANS BONES IN THE MIDST OF THE OTTAWA WINTER. JOHNSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** HEAD OF GOVERNMENT VISITS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 08 JAN 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976OTTAWA00071  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760007-0733  
**From:** OTTAWA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760175/aaaacpfa.tel  
**Line Count:** 95  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 OTTAWA 3581  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 12 APR 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <12 APR 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <13 APR 2004 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** PM TRUDEAU'S VISIT TO CUBA, MEXICA AND VENEZUELA  
**TAGS:** PFOR, OVIP, CA, VE, CU, MX, (TRUDEAU, PIERRE)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006